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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Final Office Action dated November 27, 2002, the period for response having been extended three (3) months by the enclosed Petition For Extension of Time and requisite fee, Applicant requests consideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 31 without prejudice.

Kindly amend claim 13 as follows: